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STOP RAPE

714 rape cases in city in last five years; in 2024 till November 165 cases reported; state ranks 17th nationwide

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IN CUSTODY

Wife, in-laws of techie arrested; father demands justice, custody of grandson and SC guidelines on alimony

CITY PAGE 7

As recent study shows 70% of transgender individuals in Karnataka forced to beg or do sex work and other precarious jobs due to limited employment opportunities, all eyes on Gruhalakshmi scheme

BACK IN THE FOLD

First disbursement of funds to 15,000 eligible candidates, 30,000 yet to apply

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After months of persistent advocacy, the Karnataka government has finally expanded the Gruhalakshmi scheme to include the transgender community. On December 11, the Movement for Gender and Sexual Pluralism (MGSP) celebrated the first disbursement of funds to nearly 15,000 eligible transgender across the state. However, sources indicate that an additional 30,000 eligible transgender are yet to apply.

Initially designed to benefit female heads of households, the Gruhalakshmi Yojana faced criticism for its exclusion of gender minorities due to their lack of ration cards. Nisha Gulur, Program Director of Sangama, an organisation working for gender and sexual minorities, highlighted the challenges faced by the transgender community in accessing government schemes due to the lack of ration cards.

"Initially, only individuals with ration cards could apply for the scheme, which excluded 99% of the transgender community. After extensive advocacy by NGOs, the requirement for ration cards was removed, allowing transgender individuals to use their identity cards to apply," Gulur said.

After months of advocacy by organisations like Sangama, MGSP, the Women and Child Welfare Department issued an order in June 2024 allowing applications through Transgender (TG) identity cards. The application process began in July 2024, and while there was a four-month delay, funds were finally deposited in beneficiaries' accounts on December 11, 2024.

Under this scheme, gender minorities receive ₹2,000 per month, a crucial financial aid for many in a marginalised community, who face rejection from family, exclusion from education and lack of job opportunities. "This support is a significant step towards addressing their financial needs, and we welcome it as an organization," Nisha added.

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UPI YET TO BOARD THE BUS

Though BMTC says UPI-based ticketing system is fully implemented, many conductors still not in on it

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Even though the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) claims it has been allowing passengers to buy bus tickets via Unified Payment Interface (UPI), a section of conductors are not accepting it and commuters are in trouble. While the system was introduced to address issues such as lack of loose change, it has not been fully operational in all buses, resulting in daily inconveniences for passengers and occasional disputes.

Thousands of commuters travel on BMTC buses daily, and the change issue has only become more problematic of late. In response, BMTC introduced a digital ticketing system to eliminate cash transactions, allowing passengers to pay via UPI and obtain tickets. However, the system has not been properly implemented in all buses, and the issue of change persists.

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THINGS TO DO

01 New year carnival

Rio Carnival Edition 11 is known for hosting the most talked-about New Year's parties across luxurious 5-star venues, and they're bringing you yet another epic celebration to make this New Year truly unforgettable. **Where: Radha hometel; When: December 31, 7 pm**

02 Laugh out loud

Attend a live stand-up comedy show by several artists, including Abhinav Anand, Peeyush Kumar, Rupen Paul, Rahul Robin, and many more. **Where: BurgerMan, Indiranagar; When: December 18, 9 pm**

03 Circus entertainment

A world of enchantment, festive wonder, jaw-dropping acts, and non-stop entertainment for the entire family at Olympian circus. **Where: Olympian Circus, JP Nagar; When: December 16 to January 5, 4 pm and 7 pm**

04 Gupta's lols

Stories from his childhood home to his first MNC job after graduation, this Aakash Gupta's show gets more personal, more awkward and even more hilarious **Where: Good Shepherd Auditorium; When: Jan 10 and 12, 8.30 pm and 8 pm respectively**

05 Mehfil expo

The entertainment and retail space of India brings people,products, artisans, and performers from various walks of life together. **Where: St Joseph's Indian Composite Pre University; When: Dececember 22, 12 pm**

Murudeshwar tragedy: Confusion over school trips

The Karnataka Education and Literacy Commissioner on Sunday denied the rumours that schools are being asked to cancel all trips in light of the Murudeshwar tragedy. A fake circular, allegedly issued by the Department of Education, went viral on social media on December 10, causing confusion among school managements. The document falsely claimed that the department had directed schools to cancel all their educational trips. On December 10, a school trip turned tragic at Murudeshwara beach in Karnataka, as four students drowned during an outing.

According to the statement issued by the Office of the Commissioner for the Department of Education and Literacy, "No order has been issued to cancel educational trips. Schools are, however, urged to ensure safety measures are in place and to maintain proper supervision during outings.

Principals or designated officials will be held accountable for any mishaps." **– PTI**

Lives amidst words

A girl reads a book at the annual Bangalore Literature Festival, in Bengaluru on Saturday

Protecting India's integrity is fundamental duty: HC

Justice makes this observation while dismissing FIR against BJP legislator Basanagouda Yatnal over his remarks about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi

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The Karnataka High Court has emphasised that safeguarding national integrity, both domestically and internationally, is a fundamental responsibility of all citizens, particularly those who serve as public representatives.

Justice M Nagaprasanna delivered these observations whilst dismissing the FIR filed against BJP legislator Basanagouda Patil Yatnal regarding his remarks about Rahul Gandhi, the leader of the opposition in Lok Sabha.

The FIR was registered by High Grounds police in Bengaluru following a complaint by S Manohar, secretary of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee, concerning Yatnal's statements about Rahul's background.

The complaint cited Yatnal's statement: "It is not known if Rahul was born to a Muslim, Christian, or Brahmin." Yatnal had also commented about Rahul's parentage and compared him to a 'country pistol.' The police registered offences under sections 192, 196, and 353(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

The defence contested the FIR, stating that Yatnal's comments were in response to Rahul Gandhi's remarks in the US, where he discussed the possibility of removing reservations when India becomes fair while suggesting that currently, it is not.

> **"The police had carelessly registered the case without properly examining the contents and offences... Statements were incapable of inciting riots** – High Court

Justice Nagaprasanna noted that the police had carelessly registered the case without properly examining the contents and offences. Regarding Section 192 of the BNS, the court determined that the statements were personal and incapable of inciting riots.

The court dismissed the section 196 charge about promoting religious enmity, noting the absence of multiple religious groups in the case. Similarly, for section 353(2) of BNS concerning false news causing religious animosity, the court found no involvement of different religions in Yatnal's statements.

Referencing the Bhajan Lal judgement, the court concluded that even if the complaint were true, it failed to constitute the alleged offences. The court reiterated the importance of protecting national integrity as a civic duty, especially for elected representatives.

HC quashes Surya's case

The High Court of Karnataka dismissed criminal proceedings against BJP's Lok Sabha member Tejasvi Surya regarding his social media post on 'X' about a farmer's death in Haveri district. The court determined that there were insufficient grounds for criminal charges, stating that pursuing legal action would constitute misuse of legal procedures.

Justice M Nagaprasanna, whilst quashing the FIR filed by Haveri district police on November 7, noted that the post was published, clarified, and subsequently removed. The court found no basis for applying Section 353(2) of BNS. Referencing Supreme Court precedents, the court determined that neither the case details nor the police complaint from the Haveri district social media monitoring cell constituted an offence under Section 353(2) of BNS.

The police had registered the FIR, alleging that Surya's post had spread false information about a farmer's death, potentially causing religious and group tensions.

The court acknowledged that Surya's post was based on media coverage featuring an interview with Chennappa, father of farmer Rudrappa, who died by suicide in January 2022. In November 2024, Chennappa told media outlets that his son took his life upon discovering waqf entries in their land's revenue records.

Subsequently, the Haveri district superintendent of police issued a clarification stating that in 2022, the father had informed police that his son had "taken a loan of Rs 7 lakh and suffered extensive crop damage due to excessive rains, pushing him to take the extreme step." Surya removed his post after acknowledging this clarification.

Rising numbers

Bengaluru reports 714 rape cases in 5 years

Rape cases in city have steadily risen in recent years, despite safety measures like helplines, CCTV, patrol vehicles

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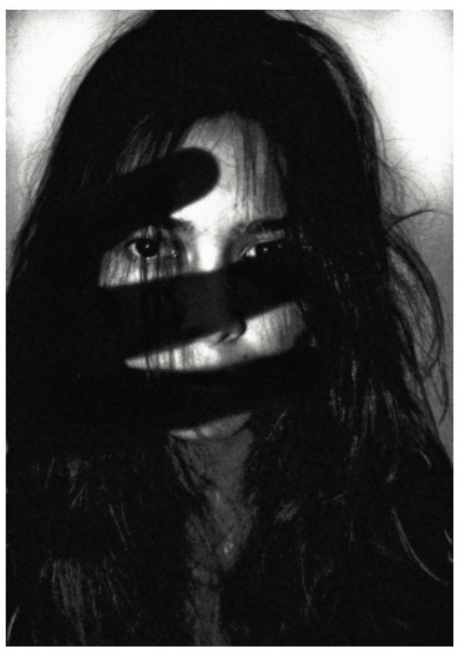
How safe are women? Well, the city has reported 714 rape cases in the last five years. According to the data presented in the Legislative Assembly recently, the numbers show a consistent increase until 2023. In 2020, 110 cases were recorded, rising by approximately 5.5% to 116 cases in 2021. The upward trajectory continued in 2022 with 151 cases, marking a significant increase of 30.2% compared to 2021. The trend persisted in 2023, with 172 cases reported, reflecting a further 13.9% rise from the previous year. In 2024, up until the end of November, 165 cases were reported. While this figure is slightly lower than the total for 2023, it still suggests a high prevalence, with the year not yet complete.

On the other hand, 2,803 rape cases were reported in the State during the last five years. As per the data, in 2020, 491 cases were reported, with 714 accused and 660 arrests made. However, only 11 convictions were recorded, while 114 cases remained pending. The numbers rose in 2021 with 560 cases, 863 accused, and 786 arrests, leading to 31 convictions. The year 2022 saw 550 cases, 817 accused, 735 arrests, and 19 convictions, leaving 127 cases pending. The trend continued with 615 cases in 2023 and 587 in 2024,



reflecting gradual changes in the judicial process.

Providing the statistics, Home Minister G Parameshwara said, "According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) for 2023, Karnataka ranks 17th nationwide in the number of rape cases reported. Victim compensation under the 2011 Victim Compensation Scheme is facilitated through the Legal Services Authority for survivors. To curb crimes against women, the state has implemented several initiatives. The Karnataka Police Department has stressed for free and fair registration of cases as its motto. While dowry death cases have declined compared to previous years, there has been no significant increase in sexual harassment, rape, or POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses) cases."

In past 5 years, 2,803 cases were reported in Karnataka. Despite rising cases and arrests convictions remained low, with only 11 in 2020 and 31 in 2021

He said that emergency helplines such as ERS (Emergency Response Support) 112, Women's Helpline (1091), Child Helpline (1098), and 22943225 are operational 24/7. Annually, approximately 11,000 calls are received, with swift action taken to address issues. Bengaluru has deployed 241 "Hoysala" patrol vehicles to ensure the safety of women and children, providing rapid response to emergencies. "Under the Safe City Project, Bengaluru has installed 7,500 CCTV cameras in key locations to enhance surveillance. Additionally, 30 "Safety Islands" have been set up in public areas to provide women with immediate assistance. A total of 1,050 Women Help Desks operate 24/7 in police stations across the state, focusing on women's safety. Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) have been established in 35 police stations to tackle human trafficking effectively. Complaints related to cybercrimes against women and children are registered online through the Ministry of Home Affairs' CCPWC (Cyber Crime Prevention Against Women and Children) portal. The state has also introduced Pink Hoysala vehicles staffed by female officers to respond swiftly to complaints and provide on-site assistance. These vehicles are equipped with modern technology to ensure immediate action," Parameshwara said.

The Minister said that police teams regularly patrol student hostels and residential areas, with female officers conducting periodic visits. The state is also actively implementing the POCSO Act, with all units instructed to register cases promptly under its provisions. Comprehensive training is provided to officers on handling cases involving children, medical aid, rehabilitation, and community responsibilities through workshops conducted by the Police Academy in Mysuru. "In cases of rape under trial, judicial outcomes are reviewed thoroughly. Legal opinions and committee feedback are sought to identify lapses in investigations, ensuring that disciplinary action is taken against erring officers," he added.

Fake bills filed at private hospital, 4 accused of fraud

Basaveshwara Nagar police file charge sheet over fraudulent billing at hospital, causing loss of Rs 20 lakh over three years

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The Basaveshwara Nagar police have filed a charge sheet against four individuals accused of generating fake bills at a private hospital near West of Chord Road. According to the charge sheet, there are indications that not all hospital bills issued to patients are genuine, and the full amounts paid by patients may not have been credited to the hospital's bank account.

The accused are Girish BS of Vijayanagar, Shashank Mahesh of KUCHL Layout, Yathish Nayak BS of Madanayakanahalli, and Dhruvakumar L of Manjunathanagar for creating fake bills and incurring a loss of Rs 20 lakh in three-and-half years from January 1, 2021 to June 19, 2024. The police, based on a complaint lodged by Prakash Deo, one of the directors of Chord Road Hospital Private Limited, registered an FIR against Girish and Shashank Mahesh on June 19, 2024, under Sections 420, 406, 409, 465, 468, 471, and 34 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) 1860.

Prakash Deo, in a complaint to the police, stated that he was the Founder Director and majority stakeholder of Chord Road Hospital Private Limited on Shankar Mutt Road near West of Chord Road and the company was started in 1991. "Since the inspection, I was in charge of infrastructure, overall administration, personnel management, maintenance of equipment, and business relations. During the coronavirus lockdown (March 2020), I was advised not to visit the hospital due to my long-standing diabetes, glaucoma. During this time, I suffered from severe diabetic neuropathy which resulted in glaucoma, leading to complete loss of vision of my left eye. During my absence, the other Director, Shobha DM took over and the administration of the company was drastically changed and I was ousted from the day-to-day affairs from March 2020," the complaint of Prakash Deo read.

The complaint stated that Girish was working as in charge of the front office and supervisor of the billing section in the hospital. "He is also authorised to modify the bills in the case of any error. He reported directly to Shashank Mahesh, head of administration and finance. Shashank is the son of Shobha. It has come to my knowledge that whenever a patient has settled the bills by way of cash, Girish has received the cash and issued receipts to the patient. He has altered the bill to a lesser amount as against the cash received by misusing his authority to modify the bills. I noticed this fraud when one patient showed the cash receipt which did not match the bill in the hospital records despite containing the same receipt number," the complaint read. Based on the complaint lodged by Prakash Deo, Basaveshwara Nagar Police have enquired about 14 people before filing the charge sheet against Girish BM, Shashank Mahesh, Yathish Nayak BS, and Dhruvakumar L.

Night of music magic with Zubeen Garg

The evening reignited memories of Zubeen Garg's iconic hit Ya Ali, bringing the audience together in a mesmerising celebration of music. The Garuda Shopping Festival reached a crescendo on December 14 as musical maestro Zubeen Garg headlined Alive India in Concert Season 10 at Garuda Mall, Magrath Road presented by Karma& Curry

The night began with a heartfelt address by Alive India founder Supratik Ghosh, who spoke passionately about their "Roti, Kapda, Makaan, Rozgaar" initiative, aimed at supporting aspiring musicians. His tribute to Zubeen Garg's illustrious three-decade career set the tone for an evening dedicated to artistry and legacy.

Zubeen Garg, accompanied by the ethereal Zublee, took the stage by storm with a captivating mix of Assamese treasures and Bollywood hits, including Ya Ali and Dil Tu Hi Bata. Their seamless blend of soul-stirring performances kept the audience spellbound, culminating in an unforgettable evening. The crowd was overjoyed, singing along and showering the artists with love.

The event was more than just a concert, it was a Concert for a Cause. Through Alive India's initiative, the evening celebrated not only music but also the empowerment of aspiring musicians. Every ticket purchased contributed to the mission of nurturing young talent, making the audience part of a movement for meaningful change.

The spotlight also shines on a stunning performance by Nibedita Pradhan. From Sufi classics like Naino Ki Mat Maniyo to high-energy hits like Crazy Kiya Re, Nibedita's vocal prowess and infectious energy captivated the crowd, adding another layer of magic to the event.

BDA to charge 1-year advance maintenance fee from buyers

BDA mandates RWAs in residential complexes to address challenges posed by vacant flats despite purchases, ensuring streamlined services and better management

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BDA stated that associations should be formed promptly for the smooth management of the residential complexes

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has introduced a new policy requiring flat buyers to pay a one-year maintenance fee upfront, in addition to the cost of the flat. BDA has developed residential complexes across the city, but many flats remain unoccupied for months after purchase. Some owners fail to pay maintenance fees on time, making it difficult for BDA to maintain infrastructure. To overcome these financial hurdles, BDA has mandated that buyers pay the one-year maintenance fee during the flat purchase. Additionally, all residential complexes must form Residents' Welfare Associations (RWAs) within a year. If an RWA is not formed within the stipulated time, BDA will continue to collect maintenance fees directly.

> **"New rule effective from first week of December applies to all new flat buyers. Failure to pay maintenance will result in delays in registration** – Official

An official said, "The new rule, effective from the first week of December, applies to all new flat buyers. Failure to pay the maintenance fee will result in delays in registration. Currently, over 2,000 flats, including those in newly constructed and unsold complexes, are affected by this policy. Collecting the maintenance fee upfront ensures smooth maintenance activities until the RWA is established. Otherwise, chasing owners for payments becomes challenging, especially when flats remain vacant after purchase."

Private agencies for flat sales

To address unsold inventory, BDA has hired private agencies to facilitate sales. Buyers purchasing flats through these agencies must pay a 3% service fee, which will be credited to BDA's account. After registration, BDA will disburse the agency's commission. BDA has directed every residential complex to establish an RWA within a year to take over maintenance activities. Failure to do so will result in BDA continuing to collect maintenance fees. BDA has urged flat owners to form associations promptly for streamlined management of residential complexes.

"We decided to collect maintenance fees upfront to avoid losses and provide better services. In some complexes, only 20-30% of flats have been sold, making maintenance difficult. Private agencies already follow this model, and it has proven effective," said NA Harris, BDA Chairperson. A 1% maintenance fee is charged on the flat's sale price. Though this fee was collected earlier, it was not mandatory. Starting in December 2024, it is compulsory for all new buyers. The maintenance fee covers services like parks, lifts, swimming pools, sewage treatment plants, streetlights, and waste management within the residential complexes. These services will be managed by BDA until Residents' Welfare Associations take over. "This initiative aims to ensure better and smooth service delivery and financial stability for maintenance operations across BDA complexes," added a Bangalore Development Authority official.

Woman of the house

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A lifeline

For the transgender community, which faces systemic discrimination and often struggles for stable livelihoods, the Gruhalakshmi Yojana is a lifeline. According to recent statistics, nearly 70% of transgender individuals in Karnataka are forced to resort to begging, sex work, or other precarious jobs due to limited employment opportunities. With this monthly financial assistance, many can now reduce their dependence on such means, focusing instead on skill-building and alternative career opportunities.

Older transgenders are set to benefit significantly from the Gruhalakshmi scheme, as many face health issues and financial challenges. "The Maitri scheme, which provides ₹1,200 monthly, has been a lifeline for older members of the transgender community. Similarly, this scheme will offer vital financial support, particularly for seniors who need assistance with health and medical expenses," said Vaishali, Chairperson of the MGSP, emphasizing the importance of continuing such initiatives.

Doubts persist

Currently, 15,000 transgender individuals across the state are benefiting from the scheme, but sources indicate that approximately 30,000 more are eligible and yet to apply. Of the total transgender population in the state, 46,000 possess Aadhaar cards and voting rights.

The MGSP is actively working to raise awareness about the scheme. Vaishali explained that initial doubts about eligibility discouraged some transgender individuals from applying. However, with the scheme now accessible, the number of applications is expected to rise. Volunteers are working to ensure all eligible individuals apply and benefit from the scheme by the end of December. "This is a positive step towards building trust between the government and gender minorities. For many, this financial support offers basic sustenance," she said, urging the government to continue the scheme and further initiatives to empower the gender minority community.

Mechanical elephant to temple: Actress Shilpa Shetty's gift

Actress Shilpa Shetty on Sunday donated a life-size mechanical elephant to Shri Jagadguru Renukacharya Temple here to celebrate the centenary birth ceremony of Shrimad Rambhapuri Veerarudramuni Jagadguru. Launching the mechanical elephant called Veerabhadra, Karnataka Minister Eshwar B Khandre said that technology has made it possible for temples to have elephants without having to keep them in shackles.

Shri Jagadguru Renukacharya Temple at the Rambhapuri Peetha has decided never to own or hire live elephants.

Lauding the temple's decision, Khandre, who holds the portfolios of Forest, Ecology and Environment said, "Many other temples and maths have requested me to donate an elephant. But as per the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, we cannot donate elephants to any other temple. Under these circumstances, new technologies have come, like the robotic elephant. – PTI

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Bus stop woes

Kengeri

The bus shelter opposite the Church in Kengeri Satellite Town has been in a dilapidated state for nearly a year. Buses still stop there, causing inconvenience to commuters.

Unsafe driving

Jalahalli

Unsafe driving remains a constant issue on the Outer Ring Road near Jalahalli, posing risks to commuters.

Footpath blocked

BEL Road

The footpath along 80ft Road near Ramaiah Hospital, New Bel Road is blocked by vehicles parked for service, causing inconvenience to pedestrians.

Attack on bakery owner: Hoteliers demand action

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The Karnataka State Hotels Association (KSHA) has expressed concern on the incidents of attacks and extortion of hotel and bakery owners in the state, especially in the rural areas.

GK Shetty, president of KSHA, appealed to the state government and the police department to take stringent measures without delay to avert extortion of hotel and bakery owners in the future. He cautioned the government that hoteliers would stage a protest if the government fails to act against those responsible for attacks on hotel and bakery owners.

He said the recent event involved a group of miscreants stabbing Chetan, a bakery owner, with deadly weapons, and the incident took place near KRS Police Station, which is situated at a well-known tourist place in Mandya district. He expressed that the incident has instilled a sense of fear among hotel owners.

He pointed out that the media reports indicate that owners of bakeries and hotels have become the target of extortion and attacks if they failed to give money to the miscreants and anti-social elements.

"Those who refuse to oblige to anti-social elements are being attacked. Such heinous acts, including murder, are creating fear among bakery and hotel owners in rural areas," he said.

He said that hotel and bakery owners are contributing a substantial amount in taxes to local bodies, the state government, and the central government in various forms, including trade licence fees and GST. "In doing so, they are actively participating in the process of nation-building. Their efforts significantly bolster the national economy through the promotion of tourism and the creation of local employment opportunities. Nevertheless, it is disheartening to note that their personal safety remains unprotected. I have submitted a memorandum to Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara in this regard," he said.

He demanded the government ensure the safety of hotel and bakery owners. "It is imperative to take stringent action against those responsible for attacks on hoteliers and bakery owners. We want justice. We are waiting for proactive action for the safety of hotel and bakery owners," he said.

Nisarga hotel on Nrupatunga road (File photo)

HC steps in after information breakdown in 2015 case

State Information Commissioner 'fails to follow norms', petition claims penalty of Rs 10,000 was ordered without hearing petitioner, High Court quashes order

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The State Information Commissioners (SICs) should penalise government officers for not providing timely information to the applicants sought under the Right to Information (RTI) Act. A SIC himself failed to follow the norms while preponing or adjourning hearing the petitions filed by the applicants. If the inordinate delay in giving apt directions to a petition filed in 2015 is any indication, one can imagine the respective SIC's inability and negligence.

Pushpalatha, Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes & Central Public Information Officer, filed a writ petition in the High Court praying to quash the impugned order passed by the State Information Commissioner on July 15, 2015. The grievance of the petition is that the State Information Commissioner has imposed a penalty of Rs 10,000 without hearing the petitioner. The High Court stated that a perusal of the impugned order would indicate that the matter was posted for hearing on August 3, 2015, at 3 pm with due intimation to both parties. "The said order does not indicate in what manner the intimation has been served on the parties, more so when the petitioner claims that no such intimation was given. Whenever any matter is preponed/ advanced, it is required that an intimation relating thereto and notice relating thereto be served on all the parties," Justice Suraj Govindaraj said.

The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the second appeal before respondent No 3 is still pending; perusal of the papers would indicate that the second appeal was filed in the year 2014 and the matter relating to the second appeal under the Right to Information Act, 2005, is required to be disposed of within the time prescribed therein.

"The Principal Secretary of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms is directed to look into this aspect and take necessary corrective steps to ensure that the appeals field before the Karnataka Information Commission is disposed of as expeditiously as possible and if there are any vacancies to fill up the vacancies at the earliest," Justice Govindaraj said.

The High Court quashed the impugned order dated 15.07.2015 passed by the State Information Commissioner. "The matter is remitted to respondent No 3 (State Information Commissioner) for fresh consideration. The quashing of the above order shall not come in the way of respondent No 3 passing fresh orders after hearing the parties. Though the above petition has been disposed of, relist on 30.01.2025 to report compliance with the above direction," Justice Govindaraj added.

Mass RTI filing for the selection criteria of the ward committee formation at BBMP head office (File photo)

"The said order does not indicate in what manner the intimation has been served, more so when the petitioner claims that no such intimation was given –Justice Suraj Govindaraj

Man arrested for alleged dog molestation

A 55-year-old was arrested by the Channapatna rural police for allegedly trying to molest a stray dog on Saturday.

The accused, identified as Basavaraju, was assaulted by a group of people and later handed over to the police. According to the police, Basavaraju is a migrant labourer, living in a makeshift house near Kanva layout. He was intoxicated and was caught by a boy passing by, who later alerted the group of people sitting in a tea stall.

The police were alerted and Basavaraju was arrested. The police have registered a case and further investigations are underway.

The accused, Basavaraju, has also filed a countercomplaint accusing the group of people for assaulting him. He stated to the police that he was just asleep intoxicated, and even the dog was asleep next to him.

BY Vijayendra refutes bribery allegations

BJP state president BY Vijayendra on Sunday firmly denied allegations leveled by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Congress leaders, claiming he tried to bribe former Karnataka Minority Commission Chairperson Anwar Manippady to suppress his report on Waqf property encroachments. Siddaramaiah alleged on Saturday that Manippady had publicly accused Vijayendra of visiting his residence during BS Yediyurappa's tenure as Chief Minister and offering Rs 150 crore to remain silent on the Waqf report. However, Manippady has refuted the claim, stating no such offer was made. Home Minister G Parameshwara claimed there is video footage of Manippady making the allegation.

Vijayendra questioned, "Why would I, as the then Chief Minister's son, visit Manippady's house and offer Rs 150 crore to shield Congress leaders?" He accused the Congress and Siddaramaiah of being unnerved by corruption allegations against their government. **-BMB**

WPL Auction: RCB gets services of uncapped all-rounder Prema Rawat for Rs 1.2 crore

Among the uncapped players, the defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) picked up Prema Rawat for Rs 1.2 crores during the Women's Premier League (WPL) mini-auction in Bengaluru on Sunday.

As per ESPNCricinfo, there was a bidding war for the player between Delhi Capitals and RCB. It was RCB who got her services. Prema played a big role in Mussoorie Thunders winning the inaugural Uttarakhand Premier League, picking up four wickets in three matches.

Also, 20-year-old spinner N Charani went to Delhi Capitals for Rs 55 lakhs.

Various other names like Sonal Thakur, Ira Jadhav, Pratika Rawal, S Yashasri, Raghvi Bist and Australian batter Laura Harris went unsold.

RCB became the champions of WPL 2024, beating Delhi Capitals (DC) in the final.

The list of retained players by all the franchises ahead of the next WPL season was announced last month. Across the five franchises, 71 players, including 25 overseas stars, have been retained, securing each team's core lineup for the upcoming season.

For building teams, each of the five participating franchises will have a budget of Rs 15 crore compared to Rs 13.5 crore last year.

Top international stars, including England captain Heather Knight, New Zealand fast bowler Lea Tahuhu, and West Indies allrounder Deandra Dottin, are set to appear for bidding in the mini-auction.

While looking at prominent Indian faces, Sneh Rana, Poonam Yadav, and Veda Krishnamurthy will be up for grabs on December 15.

Delhi Capitals (DC): Retained Players: Alice Capsey*, Annabel Sutherland*, Arundhati Reddy, Jemimah Rodrigues, Jess Jonassen*, Marizanne Kapp*, Meg Lanning*, Minnu Mani, Radha Yadav, Shafali Verma, Shikha Pandey, Sneha Deepthi, Taniyaa Bhatia, and Titas Sadhu.

Released Players: Aparna Mondal, Ashwani Kumari, Laura Harris*, and Poonam Yadav.

Gujarat Giants (GG): Retained Players: Ashleigh Gardner*, Beth Mooney*, Bharti Fulmali, Dayalan Hemalatha, Harleen Deol, Kashvee Gautam, Laura Wolvaardt*, Mannat Kashyap, Meghna Singh, Phoebe Litchfield*, Priya Mishra, Sayali Satghare, Shabnam Shakil, and Tanuja Kanwer.

Released Players: Kathryn Bryce*, Lauren Cheatle*, Lea Tahuhu*, Sneh Rana, Tarannum Pathan, Trisha Poojitha, and Veda Krishnamurthy.

Mumbai Indians (MI): Retained Players: Amandeep Kaur, Amanjot Kaur, Amelia Kerr*, Chloe Tryon*, Harmanpreet Kaur, Hayley Matthews*, Jintimani Kalita, Keerthana Balakrishnan, Natalie Sciver*, Pooja Vastrakar, S. Sajana, Saika Ishaque, Shabnim Ismail*, and Yastika Bhatia.

Released Players: Fatima Jaffer, Humairaa Kaazi, Isabelle Wong*, and Priyanka Bala.

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB): Retained Players: Asha Shobana, Dani Wyatt*, Ekta Bisht, Ellyse Perry*, Georgia Wareham*, Kanika Ahuja, Kate Cross*, Renuka Singh, Richa Ghosh, S. Meghana, Shreyanka Patil, Smriti Mandhana, Sophie Devine*, and Sophie Molineux*.

Released Players: Disha Kasat, Indrani Roy, Shraddha Pokarkar, Shubha Satheesh, and Simran Bahadur.

UP Warriorz (UPW): Retained Players: Alyssa Healy*, Anjali Sarvani, Chamari Athapaththu*, Deepti Sharma, Gouher Sultana, Grace Harris*, Kiran Navgire, Poonam Khemnar, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Saima Thakor, Shweta Sehrawat, Sophie Ecclestone*, Tahlia McGrath*, Uma Chetry, and Vrinda Dinesh.

Released Players: Laxmi Yadav, Parshavi Chopra, S. Yashasri, and Lauren Bell*. **ANI**

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Time for change is now

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Authorities stress the need for proper implementation of the UPI ticketing system to solve these issues.

BMTC officials explained that if the UPI-based ticketing system were to be fully implemented, the change issue would not arise. Passengers can use their digital wallets to make payments and get tickets. BMTC has made it mandatory to provide UPI-based tickets on all buses, including air-conditioned models, with no technical problems reported so far. Additionally, no complaints have been received regarding the failure to issue tickets after UPI payment. Currently, BMTC operates over 6,500 buses, including 1,027 electric buses. Of these, around 3,000 buses offer the UPI payment facility. However, the UPI system has not yet been effectively implemented on regular buses, except for Volvo and air-conditioned buses.

Why the disinterest?

A bus conductor on condition of anonymity said, "When buses are crowded, there is often insufficient time to issue UPI tickets. Delays in payment occur due to poor mobile network signals, wasting time. Some operators have shown reluctance to adopt UPI payments due to the need to keep separate records, contributing to minor disputes between operators and passengers regarding the change issue." Meanwhile, BMTC buses display route information in both Kannada and English.

Tabla maestro Zakir Hussain passes away at 73

Renowned tabla virtuoso Zakir Hussain (73) succumbed to heart-related issues on Sunday, December 15. Hussain's manager, Nirmala Bachani, said in a statement that the maestro was battling blood-pressure related problems.

Earlier, it was learned that Zakir Hussain had been admitted to a hospital in San Francisco after experiencing heart-related problems.

Ustaad Zakir Hussain, the renowned tabla maestro, was born on March 9, 1951, in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India. As the eldest son of the illustrious tabla player Allah Rakha, he was naturally drawn towards music from a young age. He completed his primary education from St. Michael's High School in Mahim, Mumbai, and later graduated from St. Xavier's College and further solidified his foundation in music and academics. Hussain married Antonia Minnecola, a Kathak dancer and teacher. They have two daughters Anisa Qureshi and Isabella Qureshi.

Zakir Hussain also acted in a few movies including 'Saaz' , 'Heat and Dust'. His most recent film 'Monkey Man' released in 2024.

Industrialist Harsh Goenka conveyed his condolences over Zakir Hussain's passing on social media, saying: "The world falls silent as the tabla loses its maestro. Ustad Zakir Hussain, a rhythmic genius who brought the soul of India to global stages, has left us. I feel privileged to have known him through his connection with HMV and to have witnessed his incredible performance at our home. His beats will echo eternally."

—IANS

Techie suicide: 'Three accused remanded to judicial custody'

Wife, brother-in-law, mother-in-law of techie brought to Bengaluru

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As the Karnataka police carried out arrests in connection with the Atul Subhash suicide case, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Whitefield Shiv Kumar on Sunday said that all three accused have been remanded to judicial custody.

He said that the accused Nikita Singhania was arrested in Haryana's Gurugram. According to DCP Kumar, the other accused including Nisha Singhania and Anurag Singhania were arrested near Hotel Rameshwaram in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj.

"The accused Nikita Singhania was arrested near the Blossom Stayz pg in Gurugram. Accused Nisha Singhania and Anurag Singhania, were arrested near Hotel Rameshwaram in Prayagraj, UP. They were brought to Bengaluru and produced before the judge. They have been remanded to judicial custody...Multiple teams were sent to multiple places..." DCP Kumar told ANI.

Nikita Singhania, Nisha Singhania and Anurag Singhania were arrested from Prayagraj and brought to the city

According to the police, Nikita Singhania's mother Nisha Singhania and her brother Anurag Singhania were sent to judicial custody as per the order of the court. Atul Subhash, the 34-year-old deputy general manager of a private firm, died by suicide on Monday in his Bengaluru apartment, leaving behind a 24-page suicide note, accusing his wife and her relatives of harassment. In his suicide note, he also alleged that a judge had demanded Rs 5 lakh to "settle" the case.

Meanwhile, father of deceased Bengaluru techie Atul Subhash on Sunday, pleaded for custody of his grandson. Subhash's father, Pawan Kumar Modi, has appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and others to ensure the custody of his grandson.

> **"Even after being tortured, he didn't tell anyone about it. His suicide note mentioned that his parents be given custody of his child** – Victim's father

Although Pawan Kumar expressed gratitude towards the police for arresting the accused, he asserted that he still has not received justice as a new case has been filed against him in the name of his grandson for maintenance. Bikas Kumar Modi, the brother of the deceased man has also expressed concerns regarding the whereabouts of his nephew. He said that two arrests in the case were yet to be done.

Father seeks justice, custody of grandson

The father of Bengaluru techie Atul Subhash, who died by suicide recently, on Sunday called for strict punishment for those who "harassed" his son, asserting that his ashes will not be immersed till justice is served.

Subhash, 34, was found hanging in his house at Bengaluru's Munnekolalu on December 9. He left behind lengthy videos and notes, blaming his wife and in-laws for driving him to suicide through "false" cases and "persistent torture".

"I thank the Karnataka Police for arresting them (Subhash's estranged wife and in-laws). All those who harassed my son should be punished so that he gets justice, and his soul rests in peace. I will not immerse the ashes of my son till we get justice," Pawan Kumar told reporters here.

"My son was being harassed and tortured for money, and humiliated by his wife... I request Prime Minister Narendra Modi and all concerned... please give us justice," he said.

Kumar also sought the custody of his four-year-old grandson. "My son was broken from inside... Even after torture by his wife and in-laws, he didn't tell anyone about it. His suicide note also mentioned that his parents be given custody of his child," Kumar said.

He said Subhash had also received a maintenance order for his son, amounting to Rs 40,000 per months.

— With inputs from agencies

Eight factors listed by Supreme Court in alimony case

The suicide of Atul Subhash has once again highlighted the problems faced by people during a divorce case and related litigations especially when it comes to deciding the alimony amount.

In a similar context, the Supreme Court has come out with a decision about alimony amount in a legal fight involving husband, wife and a son. The SC has listed 8 factors to decide alimony amount and this template is likely to be.

This is the alimony case of a young banker who married in 1998 and later separated from his wife in 2004. For 20 years this banker got entangled in courtroom proceedings in family court, high court and Supreme Court. The legal battle started when the banker led a petition for divorce on the grounds of cruelty in 2004 and his wife led a petition under section 24 of Hindu Marriage Act for payment of alimony. The reason for such a long legal dispute was the payment of alimony was deemed too low by the wife.

His wife contented that their minor child and herself needed more money as alimony to sustain themselves.

This banker who is now CEO of a Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) based bank obliged with every judgement passed by various courts in respect of increase in alimony amount and in 2015 voluntarily increased the alimony amount. However, he fought back when his wife started demanding an even higher alimony amount.

The banker's primary point of contention was section 26 of Hindu Marriage Act upon which his wife was relying for demanding a higher alimony for her and their adult son who just passed B.Tech back then.

As per the banker's lawyers' section 26 of the Hindu Marriage Act does not permit granting of maintenance to an adult male child. The wife challenged this aspect of the law (section 26) and asked the court for a solution about granting permanent alimony to her and their adult son.

Since this family dispute became a question of law, the case was heard by the Honourable Supreme Court. Justices Vikram Nath and Prasanna B. Varale heard the case and analysed its details and took the existing law into consideration. The Supreme Court also laid out eight factors which can be used to decide whether alimony payment is required to be paid and if required then how much.

What factors did the Supreme Court lay out for deciding alimony?

The Supreme Court emphasised that the factors using which this court passed alimony related judgements are only guidelines. "These are only guidelines and not a straitjacket rubric. These among such other similar factors become relevant," the Supreme Court said.

As per the Supreme Court here are the factors which are used as reference for deciding alimony are:

1. Status of the parties, social and nancial
2. Reasonable needs of the wife and the dependent children
3. Parties' individual qualifications and employment statuses
4. Independent income or assets owned by the applicant
5. Standard of life enjoyed by the wife in the matrimonial home
6. Any employment sacrifices made for the family responsibilities
7. Reasonable litigation costs for a non-working wife
8. Financial capacity of the husband, his income, maintenance obligations, and liabilities

Based on this, Supreme Courts orders Rs 5 crore one-time alimony to wife and Rs 1 crore one-time payment to the adult son. **— ET Online**

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Tax on UPI transactions above Rs 2,000? No

Fact Check: Tax on UPI users for transactions above Rs 2,000? No, find the truth here; Claim: A 1.1% tax will be levied on UPI transactions over Rs 2,000 starting April 1, 2025; Fact: The claim is false. The 1.1% tax applies only to PPI merchant transactions, not to bank-to-bank money transfers.

| Newsmeter.in

UPI (Unified Payments Interface) has slowly become one of India's most commonly used payment options. However, a post claiming that from April 1, 2025, a 1.1 per cent tax will be levied on UPI transactions is going viral. An X user shared the claim on social media and wrote, "From April 1, if you transfer an amount above Rs 2,000 through Google Pay, Phone Pay or any other UPI, a 1.1 per cent tax will be levied. For example, if you send Rs 10,000 to someone, Rs 110 will be deducted as tax." (Translated from Telugu) (Archive)

Fact Check

NewsMeter found that the claim is false. The tax is only applicable on PPI merchant transactions over Rs 2,000. Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) are tools that allow customers to store money in a wallet and conduct transactions. Along with the viral claim, the user shared a video of a TV9 Telugu bulletin about the tax. In the bulletin, TV9 stated that the tax is applicable only on payments made using wallets and cards. However, we were unable to find the clip on YouTube for further clarification.

Using a keyword search, we found a report by The Hindu published on March 30, 2023, with the title 'PPI merchant transactions of over ₹2,000 to attract 1.1% charge from April 1.' According to the report, "Starting April 1, merchant transactions exceeding ₹2,000 in value done using Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI Wallets) on UPI will attract an interchange charge of 1.1%."

Quoting the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), which governs UPI, the report said that the new interchange charges are only applicable for PPI merchant transactions and there will be no charge for other regular customers. From the report, we can see that the 1.1 per cent tax on PPI merchant transactions above Rs 2,000 came into effect from April 1, 2023. We also found a post by PIB Fact Check shared on March 29, 2023, that addressed a similar claim. The post read, "There is no charge on normal UPI transactions. @NPCI_ NPCI circular is about transactions using Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI) like digital wallets. 99.9% transactions are not PPI." (Archive).

Another report on UPI transactions published by Fi Money on August 21, 2024, explained the charges behind UPI transactions. According to the article, titled 'Will you be charged for UPI? Clearing out the confusion', the NPCI has clarified that the charges are only applicable for payments made through prepaid wallets such as PhonePe or Paytm wallets, and not for bank-to-bank transfers."

"The reason for this distinction is that pre-paid wallets charge a fee for adding money to the wallet, and the NPCI believes that these charges will help offset the cost of this fee," said the report. The report also stated that the new charges on UPI payments announced by NPCI should not be a cause for concern for the average UPI user as they are only applicable to merchants who receive payments through pre-paid wallets.

From the above reports, we can see that the 1.1 per cent tax is applicable only on PPI merchant transactions over Rs 2,000 and has been in effect since April 1, 2023. This tax does not affect the transactions of an average UPI user making bank-to-bank transfers. Therefore, NewsMeter concludes that the claim is false. **The story was originally published by newsmeter.in (https://newsmeter.in/fact-check/tax-on-upi-users-for-transactions-above-rs-2000-no-find-the-truth-here-740628) and republished by Bangalore Mirror as part of the Shakti Collective)**

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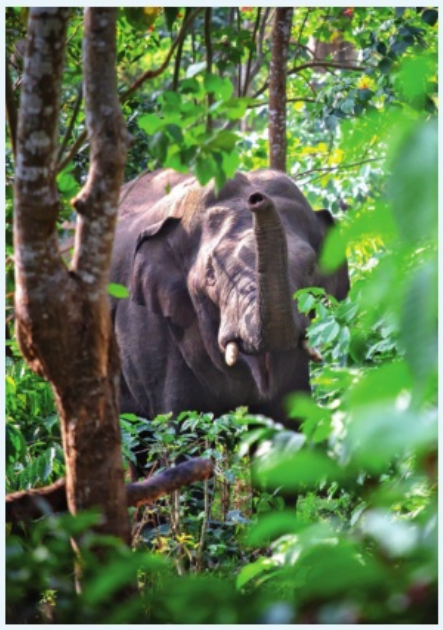

Not Right

Forest, Wildlife, and Environment Minister Eshwar B Khandre expressed his dismay over the remarks made by Belthangady MLA Harish Poonja, who suggested granting permission to kill elephants causing trouble in the forest's outskirts. Khandre called it unfortunate for someone in a responsible position to make such comments. The Minister said, "The government has also been tracking elephant movements with radio collars and alerting local residents with daily messages and loudspeakers. High-tech AI-based cameras have been set up to keep an eye on wildlife movements, ensuring swift action when needed. When it comes to compensating for wildlife attacks, the government isn't slacking. If a life is lost, the family gets a hefty 15 lakh, 10 lakh for permanent disability, 5 lakh for partial disability, and 60,000 for injuries. For property damage caused by elephants, a 20,000 compensation is given per case. Additionally, the families of the deceased and those with permanent disabilities receive 4,000 per month for five years." Reacting to this, Assembly Speaker UT Khader added a philosophical note, saying, "Just as humans have the right to live, so do wild animals."

Barging in to become Minister

How did DK Shivakumar land a ministerial position in SM Krishna's cabinet? Well, according to him, it was a full-on midnight mission. Speaking in the Assembly recently, Shivakumar dropped a bombshell by revealing, "I personally prepared the list of ministers in front of SMK, and it was sent straight to the High Command. But when it reached the Governor, both Jayachandra's and my names were missing. So, I visited astrologer Dwarakanath, who told me to seize the power instead of waiting for it. So, I barged right into SMK's house and demanded to be made a minister. At 6 am, the Governor was told to halt the swearing-in, and after a bit of back-and-forth with the High Command, my name made it to the final list." In response to the Deputy Chief Minister's comment on grabbing power, Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka threw a cheeky jab, asking, "You believe in grabbing power instead of waiting for it, right? Your astrologer says you can only become CM until January—will you grab that post now?" To which the DCM shot back with, "If we're following the same astrologer, 25 of your legislators will soon be joining us over here."

Finding right seat

During the Belagavi session, Excise Minister RB Thimmappur found himself in a bit of a bind, literally and figuratively, as he fumbled around for his seat. As the day's proceedings were winding down and ministers were presenting papers, many were absent, leaving Revenue Minister Krishna Byregowda to do the honours for everyone. Amidst all this, Thimmappur was quietly seated among other members, engaging in a casual chat. However, when Speaker UT Khader called out his name, Thimmappur suddenly found himself in a scramble. Without realising where his seat was, he got up in a hurry and wandered off to some corner, looking completely lost. The minister's office staff had to step in to remind him that he needed to stand at his own seat for official business, which only caused more confusion. Caught in the middle of this seat-searching frenzy, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah couldn't help but express his dissatisfaction from his own seat, turning around to witness the chaos unfold. Finally, with the help of a staff member, Thimmappur located his seat.

Different noises

The opposition BJP, which was supposed to unite and take on the government, ended up fumbling right out of the gate. The internal squabble within the party, which seemed to continue from behind the scenes, spilled into the open during the session. As the House session was concluding on day one, Leader of Opposition R Ashoka seized the opportunity to demand that the issue of Wakf properties be presented immediately. The Speaker responded by offering to grant time after the speech, but the opposition members wouldn't have it. This sparked a verbal brawl between the ruling party and opposition members, creating an uproar in the Assembly. Amidst the chaos, BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal stood up, waving a copy of the Belagavi district collector's order, demanding that a separate issue be raised. "The fight for Lingayat Panchamasali reservation is being thwarted. The district collector has refused permission to stage a protest, and this is wrong," Yatnal thundered. Sunil Kumar, another member, supported Yatnal's stance, asking, "Is it right for a government to deny the people the right to protest in a democracy?"

True king

It was a moment of lightheartedness when Member of Parliament E. Tukaram, who had come to witness his wife and newly elected MLA from Sandur-Annapurna's oath-taking ceremony, sat in the media gallery of the Assembly. From there, he was seen giving directions to his wife. As he stood up in the gallery, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar suggested he sit back and relax. MLA ST Somasekhar, with a sly remark, said, "The one who is sitting like a king here, should just head to the (parliament)." To this, Tukaram, with a smile, cleverly replied, "Yes, sir, I am like a king here, and there I am like the Lord of the Wheel!" He cheekily added, "My wife is taking an oath, and I came to witness it... not to stir any trouble," adding a dose of humour to the proceedings.

–Sridhar Vivan

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Last date to update Aadhaar details for free extended again

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has announced an extension for the free update of Aadhaar details, with the new deadline set for next year.

When is the last day you can update your Aadhaar details for free?

UIDAI has extended the last day to update Aadhaar details for free to June 14, 2025, from December 14, 2024.

After June 14, 2025, online updates at Aadhaar centres will incur a fee. Note that this free service is available only on myAadhaar portal.

The UIDAI on social media post on X stated: "UIDAI extends free online document upload facility till 14th June 2025; to benefit millions of Aadhaar Number Holders. This free service is available only on myAadhaar portal. UIDAI has been encouraging people to keep documents updated in their Aadhaar."

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has been encouraging citizens to review their Aadhaar card information, particularly those who received their Aadhaar cards more than ten years ago and haven't made any updates. Nevertheless, it is not obligatory to make these updates.

Aadhaar is a unique number, and no resident can have a duplicate number since it is linked to their individual biometrics. This identifies fake and ghost identities, which result in leakages today. Savings from eliminating duplicates and fakes through Aadhaar-based identification will further enable governments to expand benefits to other eligible residents.

As per the Aadhaar Enrolment and Update Regulations, 2016, "An Aadhaar number holder may, on completion of every period of 10 years from the date of generation of the Aadhaar number assigned to him, update the documents or the information evidencing proof of identity and proof of address, at least once, by submitting an application."

How to upload address proof in Aadhaar

The documents can be submitted online on myaadhar portal or by visiting any Aadhaar centre. Here is a step-by-step guide for submission of documents online.

Step 1: Visit https://myaadhaar.uidai.gov.in/

Step 2: Login and verify details 'Name/Gender/Date of Birth & Address Update'

Step3: Click on update address (tick the consent box to proceed) Click on 'Update Aadhaar Online'

Aadhaar is a unique number, and no resident can have a duplicate number since it is linked to their biometrics

Step 4: Upload a scanned copy of proof of address and give consent in the required format.

Step 5: Make a payment of Rs 50. (Not required if you update it before the latest deadline ends)

Step 6: A Service Request Number (SRN) will be generated. Save it for tracking status later.

Where can mAadhaar be used?

The mAadhaar app can be used anywhere in India at any time.

mAadhaar is more than an Aadhaar card in a wallet. On one hand, the mAadhaar profile is accepted as a valid ID proof, and on the other, residents can use the app's features to share their eKYC or QR code with service providers who seek Aadhaar verification of their customers before providing Aadhaar services.

Can a resident opt out of Aadhaar?

According to the UIDAI website, "The resident has the option in the first instance not to enrol for Aadhaar at all. Aadhaar is a service delivery tool, and not designed for any other purpose. Aadhaar being unique to every resident is non-transferable. If the resident does not wish to use the Aadhaar, it will remain dormant, as the use is based on the physical presence and biometric authentication of the person. However, children, within 6 months of attaining majority, may make an application for cancellation of their Aadhaar as per the provisions of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 (as amended) and regulations framed there under."

–ET Online

HEALTH TIP: Most commercial hair colours available in boxes and salons contain harmful ingredients, posing threats to both your hair and skin

Research has found that rosemary could fight scalp infections that cause hair loss

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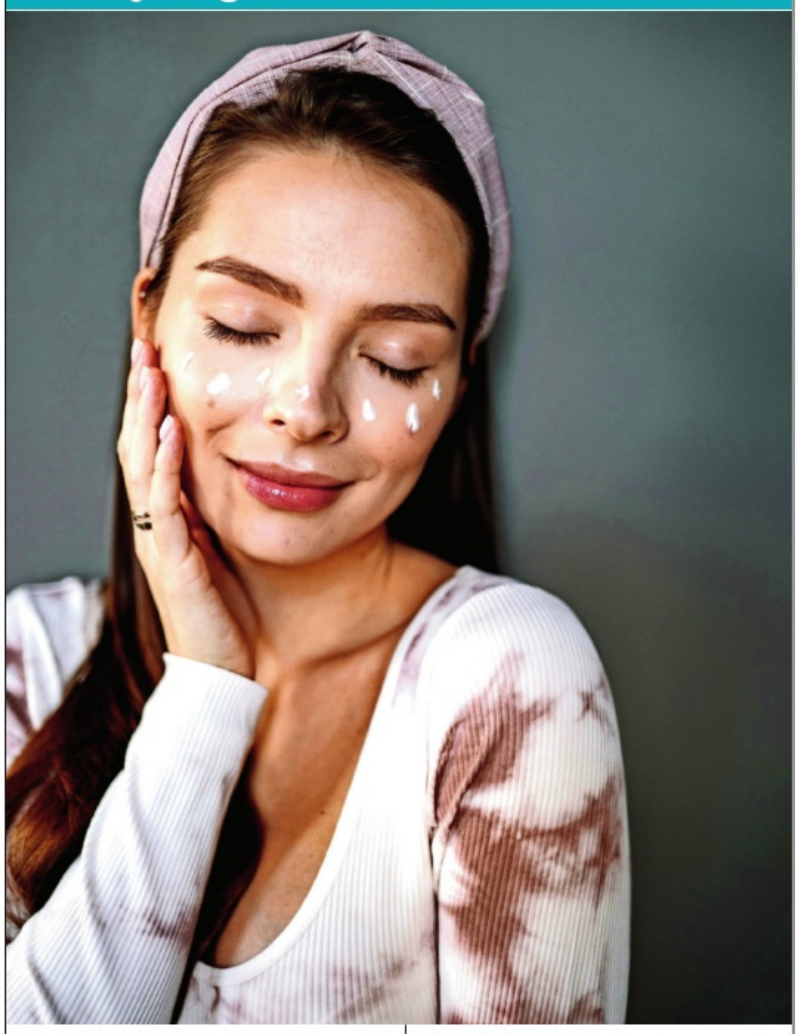
12 STEPS TO HEALTHY SKIN

Here's your guide to winter skincare routine



Winter can be harsh on your skin, with cold air, low humidity, and indoor heating stripping it of essential moisture. These conditions can leave your skin feeling dry, tight, and prone to irritation or flakiness. According to a study, it is said that without a proper winter skincare routine, winter's harsh elements can weaken your skin's natural barrier, making it vulnerable to redness, cracking, and sensitivity. A thoughtful skincare routine helps combat these effects by replenishing moisture, nourishing the skin, and creating a protective layer to shield against the cold.

Studies show that neglecting a winter skincare routine can lead to conditions like eczema, chapped lips, and an overall compromised skin barrier. A consistent skin care routine that focuses on hydration, nourishment, and protection helps to counteract these effects, locking in moisture and shielding your skin from further damage. This not only ensures a healthy, glowing appearance but also promotes long-term skin resilience against seasonal challenges.

Research indicates that beyond hydration, a winter skincare routine ensures that your skin stays healthy and glowing during the season. From soothing dryness to preventing common winter concerns like chapped lips and dullness, a consistent regimen can make all the difference. Prioritizing your skincare during winter isn't just about looking good—it's about feeling comfortable and confident in your own skin, no matter the weather.

By following a tailored 12-step winter skin care routine with hydrating and protective products, you can maintain your skin's health, prevent discomfort, and keep it looking radiant throughout the winter season. Find out more!

1 Cleanse Gently (AM & PM)

Studies suggest that you should start your routine by cleansing your skin to remove dirt, oil, and impurities that may have accumulated on your face overnight or throughout the day. Opt for a gentle, hydrating cleanser that doesn't strip your skin of its natural oils. Cream-based or oil-based cleansers are great for winter as they cleanse while preserving moisture, unlike foaming cleansers that may leave skin feeling tight.

2 Exfoliate Wisely (2-3 Times a Week)

According to studies, exfoliating helps to remove dead skin cells that can cause a dull complexion and block your moisturiser from fully absorbing. In winter, it's important to exfoliate gently to avoid irritating dry or sensitive skin. Use a mild exfoliator (preferably a chemical one with AHAs like lactic acid) once or twice a week. Avoid physical scrubs that can cause micro-tears and aggravate dryness.

3 Apply Hyaluronic Acid (AM & PM)

Hyaluronic acid is a powerful humectant that draws moisture from the air into your skin. Apply a serum containing hyaluronic acid after cleansing and exfoliating. Scientific studies highlight that it will give your skin an instant hydration boost, helping it retain moisture throughout the day. It's especially beneficial in winter when the air is dry and your skin needs an extra dose of hydration.

4 Use a Humidifier (Daily)

The dry indoor air caused by heating systems can exacerbate skin dryness. Studies have shown that using a humidifier in your bedroom or living area will help add moisture back into the air, preventing your skin from becoming too dry. This additional humidity works in tandem with your skincare routine to keep your skin hydrated and supple, especially while you sleep.

5 Layer on a Hydrating Toner (AM & PM)

Apply an alcohol-free toner to help balance your skin's pH and prepare it for the next steps. Look for hydrating ingredients like glycerin, rose water, aloe vera, or chamomile extract, which help to refresh and hydrate the skin without causing irritation. Research indicates this step helps to refine pores, calm the skin, and enhance the absorption of serums and moisturisers, ensuring your skin feels smooth and prepped for optimal hydration.

6 Moisturise Deeply (AM & PM)

A rich, nourishing moisturiser is crucial to lock in the hydration your skin needs during the winter months. Studies suggest, choosing a thicker, emollient formula that helps create a barrier against the cold air and prevents moisture loss. Look for ingredients like ceramides, shea butter, or fatty acids to replenish the skin's natural barrier. Apply it generously after your hyaluronic acid to seal in all the hydration.

7 Use sunscreen (AM)

Studies reveal that even in winter, sunscreen is an essential step in your skincare routine. UV rays can penetrate through clouds and cause skin damage, leading to premature ageing and an increased risk of skin cancer. [10] Choose a broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF30 or higher and apply it generously on your face, neck, and any other exposed areas. If you're inside most of the time, don't forget about the UV rays from windows!

8 Hydrate From Within (Daily)

Hydration starts from within, so it's essential to drink plenty of water throughout the day. According to studies, cold weather can make you less thirsty, but maintaining proper hydration is crucial for your skin's overall health. Aim for at least 8 glasses of water a day, and consider incorporating herbal teas for added warmth. This will help keep your skin plump and reduce the appearance of dryness and fine lines.

9 Add a Night Cream (PM)

For an added boost of moisture and nourishment, consider using a rich night cream before bedtime. Night creams are formulated to provide intense hydration while you sleep, often containing ingredients like retinol or peptides to help with skin regeneration. This extra layer can make a noticeable difference in combating the effects of winter dryness and help rejuvenate your skin overnight.

10 Lip Balm or a Lip Mask is a must! (Daily)

Winter weather can cause chapped and cracked lips. Scientific studies highlight that be sure to include a nourishing lip balm in your skincare routine to keep your lips soft and smooth. Look for a balm that contains ingredients like beeswax, shea butter, or vitamin E for optimal moisture retention.

11 Avoid Hot Showers

Although a hot shower feels comforting in winter, it can strip your skin of its natural oils, leading to dryness and irritation. Opt for lukewarm water instead, as it helps maintain your skin's moisture barrier. Keep showers short, ideally under 10 minutes, to minimise the drying effects of water.

12 Cover Your Skin

Cold winds and dry air can cause serious damage to your skin during winter. Always protect your skin by wearing scarves, hats, gloves, and other clothing to cover exposed areas when outside. This helps to shield your skin from windburn and the drying effects of the cold air.

By following this 12-step winter skincare routine, you'll be able to protect your skin from the harsh elements and maintain a healthy, glowing complexion all season long. Each step works together to hydrate, protect, and replenish your skin, ensuring that your skin stays nourished, radiant, and well-prepared for the cold. **—Femina**

All you need to know about...

Plant-based milks

Lacking in nutrients
While oat, almond, and soy milk have emerged as popular alternatives to cow's milk, a new study showed it may be lacking in proteins and essential amino acids.

Health risks
Over the last decade, these plant-based beverages have also seen remarkable growth in the global market due to their environmentally-friendly approach. But extensive processing is causing chemical reactions that cut down the protein quality and, in some cases, produce cancer-causing compounds, claimed researchers from the University of Copenhagen.

Cannot replace cow's milk
Lead author Professor Marianne Nissen Lund, from the varsity's Department of Food Science said that plant-based drinks cannot "replace cow's milk" in terms of "proper nutrition".

Heat treatment
In the study, the team examined 10 different plant-based drinks and compared them with cow's milk. Lund stated that "plant-based drinks undergo more intense heat treatments than the milk to extend their shelf life" -- known as ultra-high temperature (UHT) treatment, This triggers a chemical reaction between protein and sugar -- called "Maillard reaction" -- and reduces the nutritional quality of the proteins. Further, she noted that while most plant-based milks contain significantly less protein than cow's milk, the heat treatment also "leads to the loss of some essential amino acids".

Carcinogen
Notably, the heat treatment may also produce cancer-causing compounds, said the expert in the paper, published in Food Research International journal. The researchers found acrylamide in four of the plant-based drinks made from almonds and oats. Acrylamide is a known carcinogen that is also found in bread, cookies, coffee beans, and fried potatoes, including French fries. Consumption "in small amounts from various sources, could add up to a level that does pose a health risk," Lund said. **—IANS**

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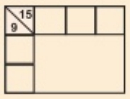
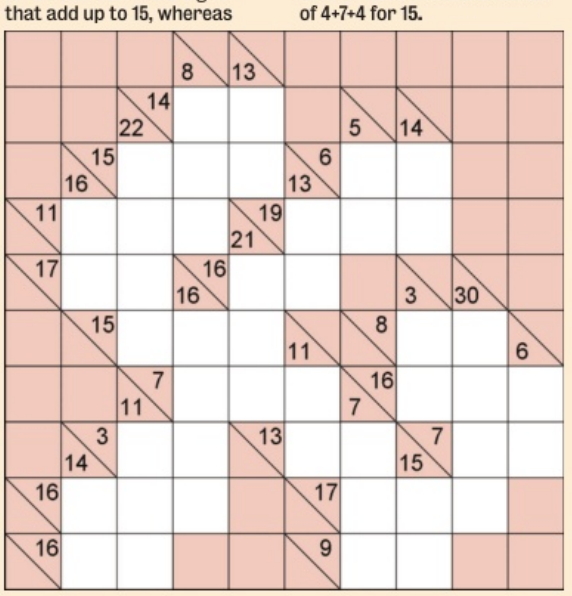
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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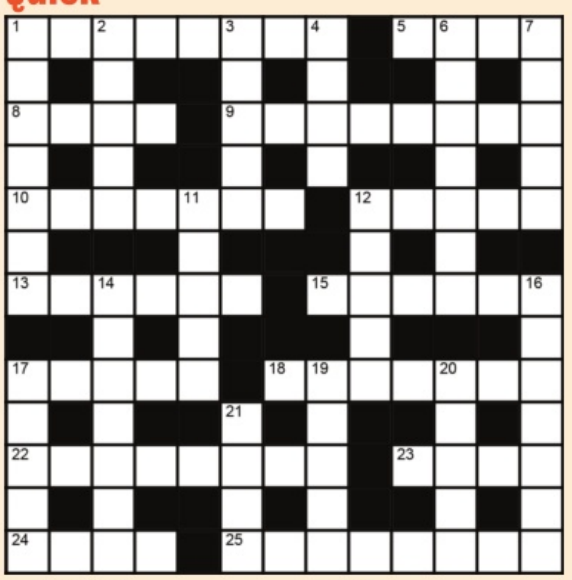


ACROSS

1 Sarcastic, mocking (8)
5 One of Bangalore's oldest temples (4)
8 Young cow (4)
9 Moves backwards (8)
10 Disregard orders (7)
12 Siamese people (5)
13 Magnificent (6)
15 Method or a laid down procedure (6)
17 Understood (5)
18 Eight-sided figure (7)
22 Bombarding with explosives (8)
23 Prayer leader of Islam (4)
24 Simple (4)
25 Supplementary item (8)

DOWN

1 Withdraws from a confederacy (7)
2 Breathing sounds (5)
3 Courage (5)
4 Sheltered recess (4)
6 Social climber (7)
7 Endures (5)
11 Badly damaged by fire (5)
12 Assignation (5)
14 Appropriates or pinches (7)
16 Least (7)
17 Sense showing refinement (5)
19 Locked up (5)
20 Placed a bet (5)
21 Indian oil lamp (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS N

NKGTG FWW JKRVE FWREG, VS SVG JKRVEB UGTX AHLK.

Linemaro

There isn't a word in the dictionary to describe how beautiful you are

Mindchow

Being honest may not get you a lot of friends, but it'll always get you the right ones

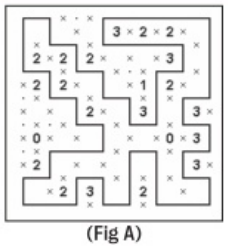
Joke of the day

Today was a sad day. We had to pull the plug on grandma. Beause I needed the outlet for my laptop

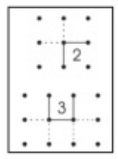
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



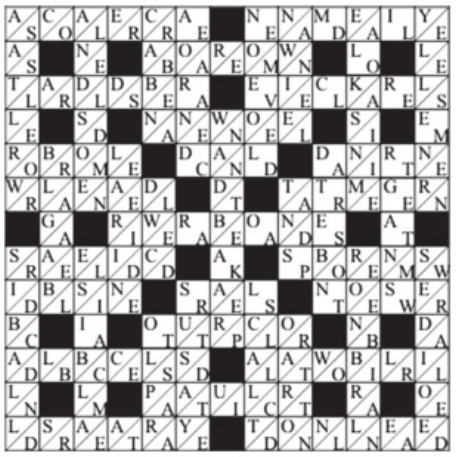
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

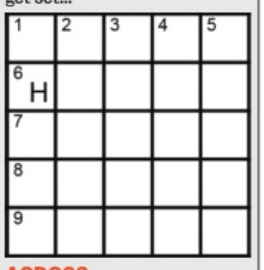
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

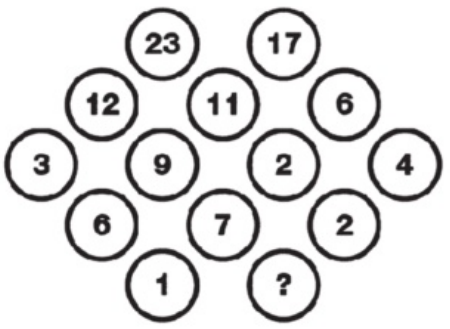
1 SS Gor; 6 Hi pop; 7 Oasis; 8 RK-ish; 9 Stint

DOWN

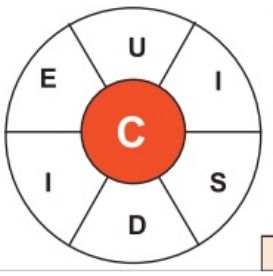
1 Goths; 2 Irish; 3 Pions; 4 Trips; 5 So ask

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the sequence?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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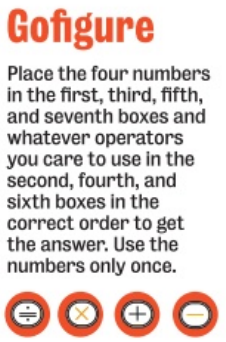
		8	3		2			
4					3		1	
	8		9	7	1		5	
	3		8					7
			2		8	1		
	6	2		1				
	1	9						5

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 16

2 2 3 8

Medium = 17

1 2 4 8

Hard = 3

2 8 9 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

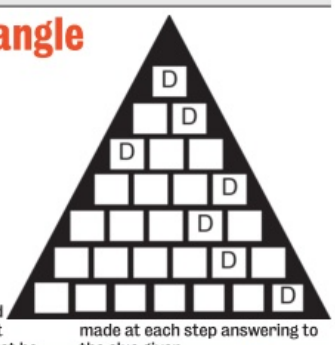
Differences: 1. Elbow patch is added to sweater. 2. Collar is missing. 3. Mouth is different. 4. Window is moved. 5. Cap is different. 6. Instrument case is longer.

Riddler

I can be huge. Or unusually small. Kids use me daily. Makes tales that are tall. I can be real. Or just a nice dream. If you just use this thing. Real–anything could seem. I could be a monster. Or an invention of times. You can use me to think of ideas. Or plot out huge crimes. Without me, you're dull. Just don't even try. I just have one more thing left. Do you know who am I?

Alpha triangle

1 Five hundred
2 Editor, abbr.
3 River of Scotland
4 Kind of pearl
5 Yorkshire city
6 Loses vital fluid
7 Sanctified

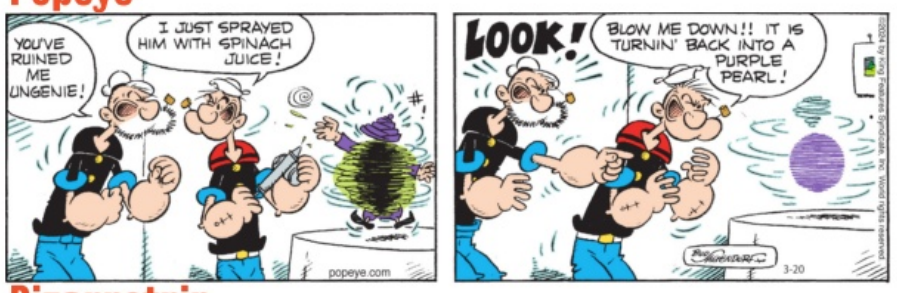


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye


YOU'VE RUINED ME UNGENIE!
I JUST SPRAYED HIM WITH SPINACH JUICE!
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BLOW ME DOWN!! IT IS TURNIN' BACK INTO A PURPLE PEARL!
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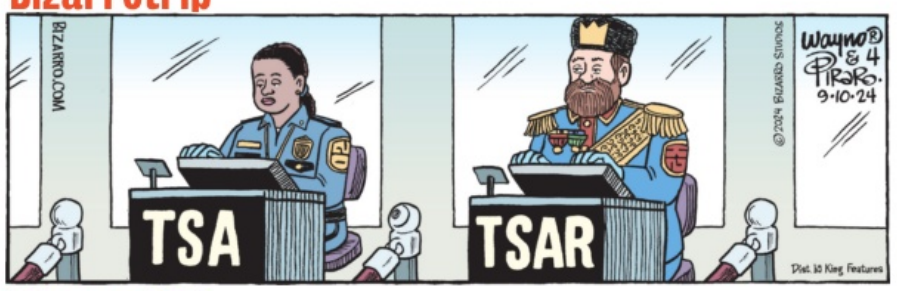
Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

NEXT UP: HEART LAMARR!
...BUT HE WAS MEAN, AND HE WAS COARSE AND UNREFINED!
CRASH!
THERE'S SOMETHING SWEET AND ALMOST KIND...
AND YOU MUST BE SWIFT AS A COURSING RIVER...
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE DESIGNER: LEE MOUSAVI!
WITH ALL THE FORCE OF A GREAT TYPHOOOWHOA!!

Crankshaft

I DON'T CARE WHAT SKIP SAYS... THAT BOOKSTORE FIRE IN WESTVIEW IS CONCERNING!
BUT THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO WHEN THINGS START GETTING SCARY...
THE RIGHT THING.
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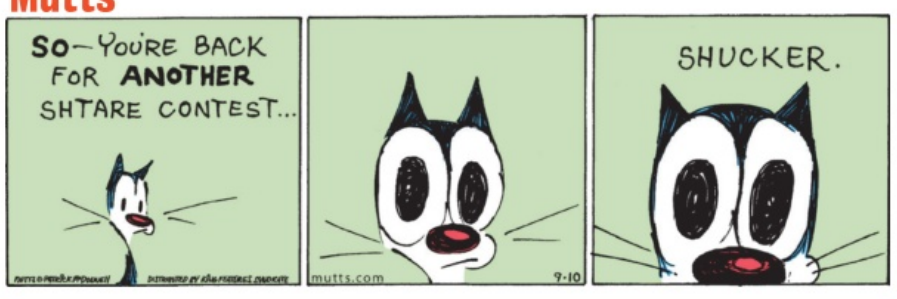
Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may sense negative vibrations around you, which might make you feel unhappy. Avoid investing in worthless assets. Friends and people around you may not be supportive today, so try not to expect too much help from anyone, as it could lead to disappointment. It is advised to make independent decisions today.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You may find it difficult to express yourself logically today. A dull feeling might reduce your confidence, so it is important to rely on your intuition when making investment decisions. People around you may not be cooperative in your routine tasks. Be cautious about consuming unhealthy food to avoid stomach issues.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are likely to feel excited due to the support of your family and friends. You may plan to renovate your house or purchase souvenir items to enhance your standard of living and boost your social status. An increase in your fixed assets is also possible.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today is favourable for gains. You may achieve results with minimal effort, and your losses might turn into profits due to your wisdom. You might consider upgrading your skills by enrolling in an academic course. Donating to religious places or charities and helping those in need could bring you inner peace. Investing in intellectual assets may also be a possibility. Students are likely to perform well.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
You may feel dull today and might face some health-related issues. Chronic conditions could reappear. Avoid driving recklessly. It is advised to steer clear of conflicts with business partners and postpone important decisions related to business investments. By late evening, with elders' blessings, things may start to come under control.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
You are likely to feel blessed by destiny today. Postponed projects may now begin with the support of elders' blessings, bringing messy situations under control and speeding up progress. Family disputes may be resolved, increasing domestic harmony. Your creativity might shine, especially in artistic endeavours. You may feel attracted to glamour and beauty.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today is a good day, and you are likely to feel enthusiastic. With sharp focus, you may perform well in your business and work. Your boss may be supportive, and new responsibilities or a promotion might come your way. A visit to a religious place is possible. It is advised to avoid arrogance in your love life.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You are blessed by the moon today, and your destiny supports you. Postponed projects might restart with the help of elders' blessings, pulling you out of messy situations and boosting your work speed. Domestic harmony will bring happiness as family disputes are resolved. Your creativity could improve, and you may be drawn to art, movies, or glamour.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, the moon is not in a favourable position. You may feel dull and face health issues. Losses are possible during this time, so avoid investing in risky assets. Gains might turn into losses, and it is best to refrain from purchasing worthless items. Steer clear of controversies, as they might negatively impact you.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
You are blessed by the moon today, bringing love into your life. Singles might find a suitable match. You are likely to perform well professionally, with support from friends and subordinates.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, your confidence will reflect positively in your work. You are in a favourable position to overcome opponents and enemies. You may focus well on your goals, and health issues are likely to improve. In domestic life, avoid unnecessary arguments, as they could disrupt harmony.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You may feel happy due to blessings from an auspicious planetary combination. A surge of positive energy might enhance your prestige among those around you. You may spend time studying intellectual subjects and could also plan for higher studies to advance your career.

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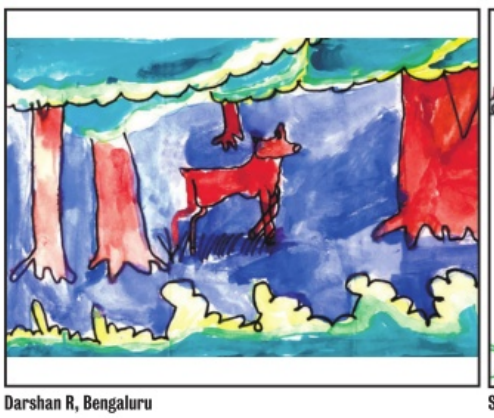

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
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2·5
32

QUOTE UNCODE
Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

BULL'S EYE
cued, dice, iced, SUICIDE

RIDDLER
Imagination

FAST FIVE

G	R	O	S	S
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STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
5. Start with the row of 4 numbers in the centre of the diagram, and add adjacent pairs of numbers together, putting the results in the circles directly above. Repeat this pattern for the next row up. Next, calculate the difference between adjacent numbers in the middle row, putting the results in the circles directly below. Repeat this pattern for the next row down.

SUDOKU

3	2	1	6	8	7	5	4	9
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4	9	7	5	6	3	8	1	2
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1	3	5	8	2	4	6	9	7
5	4	3	2	9	8	1	7	6
8	6	2	7	1	5	9	3	4
7	1	9	4	3	6	2	8	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
D, Ed, Dee, Seed, Leeds, Bleeds, Bleesed.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 × 3 + 2 + 8 = 16
4 × 8 / 2 + 1 = 17
Hard
3 × 8 / 2 – 9 = 3

LOOP

KAKURO

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Leave us alone

Triptii asks paps to leave after she is spotted with rumoured boyfriend

Post the success of Animal, Triptii Dimri has become a darling of the paparazzi, she is often spotted by the paps with her rumoured boyfriend Sam Merchant. On Sunday the actress was once again spotted in the city, sparking renewed curiosity. While the two have been papped together several times, neither has confirmed the relationship.

In a recent video, Triptii was seen exiting a restaurant wearing a black t-shirt and denim. At first she posed for the camera and later asked the paparazzi to leave. She was heard saying "Jao jao pease" , and soon after Sam Merchant was spotted leaving the same restaurant but the duo refused to pose together. Triptii was also seen at Bryan Adams's concert in Mumbai recently with Sam, she had shared a series of photos and videos from the venue.

Triptii's last release was Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 with Kartik Aaryan, Vidya Balan and Madhuri Dixit-Nene. The film has gone on to become the third biggest hit of Bollywood in 2024 after Shraddha Kapoor and Rajkummar Rao's Stree 2 and Allu Arjun's Pushpa 2- The Rule. She will next be seen in Karan Johar backed film Dhadak 2 with Siddhant Chaturvedi, the film is an official remake of Tamil film Pariyerum Perumal and is being directed by Shazia Iqbal and Deena Trudy.The film talks about caste discrimination. Triptii is also rumoured to have been replaced from Anurag Basu and Kartik Aaryan's next with Sharvari Wagh, who will next be seen in Aditya Chopra and Ayan Mukerji's Alpha with Alia Bhatt.

—ETimes

'UI' trailer leaves Aamir Khan in awe: Praise for Upendra's magnum opus

The trailer of pan-India movie UI has created much buzz. The team is happy with accolades also from Bollywood actor Aamir Khan, who said that he is a huge fan of Upendra and he was blown away by the trailer of UI. Aamir Khan said the Hindi audience will aslo love the movie.

The trailer was released on December 2 and the movie is scheduled for release on December 20 in Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi. The action thriller is produced by Lahari Films and Venus Entertainers. The film will release worldwide: KVN Productions will distribute the movie in Karnataka, Geetha Arts in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, AP International in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, Zee Studios in North India, and Home Screen Entertainment will distribute the movie overseas.

Producer G Manohar Naidu of Lahari Films told BM Aamir Khan has said the right thing about UI. "I am sure of the movie's success. Upendra has worked hard. My son Naveen has done the graphics," said Naidu.

Stating that UI has come out well, producer KP Sreekanth of Venus Entertainers said there is a lot of demand for tickets of the movie. "Tickets are already sold out in Melbourne. I consider Real Star Upendra directing this movie as our luck," he said. Sharing his joy, Upendra said, "I was eagerly waiting to hear Aamir Sir's comments. When he said this film is going to be a hit, I was overjoyed."

—BMB

48 hours at home

Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra is in the National Capital and has revealed her plans on how she is going to spend her "48 hours" at home.

Parineeti took to Instagram stories, where she shared a video of herself in the car driving to her "home".

For the caption, she wrote: "Wait for it home for the weekend." Along with the geotag of Delhi, India.

She then shared a photograph of herself holding a soft quilt. Parineeti, who is married to politician Raghav Chaddha, wrote: "Came to enjoy 48 hours of blankets and sweaters."

The actress was earlier in Goa, where she shared a glimpse of her "night shift" on social media. She took to her Instagram stories and offered fans a peek into her filming sessions in the coastal state.

She posted a photo from the sets and wrote in the caption, "Chalo night shift karne." A photo of the script, featuring her name, was also visible.

On the work front, Parineeti was last seen in the biopic "Amar Singh Chamkila," directed by Imtiaz Ali. In the Netflix film, she starred alongside Diljit Dosanjh and portrayed the role of Amarjot Kaur, the wife of the legendary singer Chamkila. For this challenging role, Parineeti underwent a remarkable physical transformation, gaining 16 kg to truly embody her character.

Next, Parineeti will star in the highly anticipated thriller "Sanki," directed by Anurag Singh, where she will share the screen with Varun Dhawan. The project will mark her first onscreen collaboration with Varun.

Additionally, she is set to feature in "Shiddat 2".

— IANS

'No need to announce my husband'

Taapsee Pannu got married to Mathias Boe in an intimate ceremony in Udaipur this March this year. It was a very low key affair and Taapsee has not yet dropped pictures of her wedding festivities on social media. The actress also hasn't announced her wedding through any press release or post. In a recent interaction, Pannu opened up on the reason behind it. She also made a major revelation!

The 'Dunki' actress revealed that she did not get married this year. She had actually gotten married in December 2023. She spoke about it during a session at Agenda Aaj Tak, and said, "People didn't get to know because we didn't send out any press release. And actually, we didn't get married this year, we got married last year in December. Now we'll be completing a year soon..."

She confessed why she wants to keep her personal life private. "I've seen that with my colleagues that when your personal and professional life get interlinked, it's not good for both. The credit of the highs and lows of your professional life starts going to your personal life. And your personal life starts getting affected. I wanted to draw a clear line that my personal life will remain personal and professional life will remain professional. I have never tried to hide anything. I know him since 2013 and now it's been 11 years. I announce my movies. But I didn't feel the need to announce my wedding or my husband," said the actress.

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Object thrown at Billie Eilish

Grammy winning-singer Billie Eilish got hit by a necklace from the crowd during a concert in Arizona. A video, which is doing the rounds online, showed Eilish grimacing and bracing herself as the flying object hit her on the face during the song "What Was I Made For?". Eilish continued singing without addressing the incident with the audience.

Her non-verbal response was captured in a second video, where she appeared upset but remained composed and continued her performance, reports aceshowbiz.com.

The incident has reignited conversations about concert audience etiquette and the responsibilities of fans. Eilish's response to the situation has been praised by many for her professionalism and ability to handle the unexpected interruption without losing her composure.

The incident highlights the importance of creating a safe and enjoyable atmosphere at concerts for both performers and attendees.

Actresses like Ava Max and Bebe Rexha have also experienced similar incidents. Ava Max's eye was "scratched" by a fan who jumped onto the stage while Bebe Rexha fell to the floor after someone hurled a cell phone at her.

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